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## COTTON PROSPECTS REDUCED GREATLY

### Boil Weevil and Worms Cause Chief Complaint From Many Sections

Reports by correspondents of The Commercial Appeal indicate that the condition of the cotton crop at Sept. 25, 1919, was 53.5 per cent of a normal, indicating a yield of 10,482,000 bales.

This compares with a condition of 62.6 per cent at Aug. 20, and allows 3.9 per cent for acreage abandonment which estimate relating to acreage was announced in our report for the end-June period.

It also compares with an end-September condition of 57.1 per cent last year, and a 10-year average condition (Department of Agriculture figures) at Sept. 25, of 63.5 per cent of a normal.

A deterioration since August of 9.1 points is indicated against a 10-year average deterioration of 4.9 points for the period. The greatest deterioration for the period during any of the past 10 years until this year was 8.4 points average for the United States.

This report is based upon correspondence covering in detail 782 of the counties embraced in the 10 principal cotton producing states.

In Tennessee the conditions are very favorable for picking, which is well under way. Less than 5 per cent of the crop has been ginned. General condition probably poorer than last month and poorer than last year. Large acreage abandonment partly explains low condition figure. Plant fairly well fruited, and top crop developing nicely in most sections. Quality for the cotton fully up to average. From a few to more than 30 days late. Insect troubles negligible. Labor ample, except in a few localities.

## MR. POE W. MADDOX DELIVERS ADDRESS

### Huntingdon's Brilliant Young Orator is Heard by a Splendid Audience

Poe Webster Maddox, son of Judge and Mrs. P. W. Maddox, of Huntingdon, delivered an address Thursday night of last week at the M. E. church, south, on the theme, "What is Victory." Mr. Maddox has spent the summer, after taking a course at King's School of Oratory in Pittsburgh, Pa., in lecturing with a chautauqua company and later with the Anti-Saloon League and came home to deliver a lecture before returning to his school work in Vanderbilt.

The young orator has been on a speaking tour in the eastern states and also through Georgia, and has made quite a reputation, and shown much distinction for one of his, not yet being twenty years old.

He was introduced Thursday night by Hon. J. Sam Johnson, following a prayer by Pastor Raulins, a solo "Victory" by Mrs. Raulins and the singing of "America" by the choir.

## WOMEN VOTERS STAND FOR IMPROVEMENT

### McKenzie Votes Bonds for Im- provement With a Very Large Majority

Women take a hand in voting for the second time in this county when McKenzie held her election on the question of ratifying or rejecting a bond issue on behalf of the town in the sum of \$10,000 for improvement, overhauling and extension of the water and light system of the town. As was to be expected the women took a decided stand in favor of the improvement and twenty-six voted. To Mrs. Ellen Dinwiddie Scates, belongs the honor of casting the first vote cast by a woman in McKenzie. It is said that during the day as the women were leaving the voting precinct their presence cast a wholesome atmosphere about the ballot box. The bond issue was ratified by a vote of 125 to 34. The ladies of Trezevant were

the first in the county to exercise their right of franchise, participating in a bond election for their town a few months ago. They too voted for bonds and improvement.

### MOVES TO MCKENZIE

A special from Paris says:—John R. Reynolds, merchant of Henry, has bought a home in McKenzie, Tenn., and will move there in the near future. The Reynolds, Jones & Co. have added another store to their line of stores. He will still be in touch with his interests at Henry.

### PRICES TO BE HIGH

The finance committee of the American Cotton Association of Atlanta, Ga., says the farmers are not selling their cotton as they did at the first of the season. They believe conditions justify higher prices and that it is only a matter of a short while until cotton will be selling at the highest price that it has ever reached since the civil war. We hope the association's predictions will come true.

## NEGRO SHOOTING OFFENDER ESCAPES

### Sherman Hillsman is Peppared With Birdshot While He is Picking Cotton

Quite a sensation was created among the colored people in the McMoresville community Thursday morning of last week when it was announced that Sherman Hillsman had been shot while picking cotton, and he was thought to be badly injured.

Early Pearson did the shooting and Adren Newbill was with him when the shooting was done. A shotgun was used and Hillsman was hit in the face and down one side of his body. Small shot was used or Hillsman might have been killed, but as it was his wounds were not serious, though at first they were thought to be so.

Warrants were sworn out for the arrest of Pearson and Newbill and placed in the hands of the sheriff, but so far the officers have been unable to locate the offenders. The shooting, we understand grew out of some former trouble.

Since the above was put in type, the boys have been arrested and placed in jail, having failed to give bond.

Born, last Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McAskill, of Nashville, a daughter, Marilynn.

## WILL RATIFY SAYS HON. W. J. BRYAN

### No Important Reservations Will be Made in Peace Treaty The Commoner Believes

The United States senate will ratify the league of nations without any important reservations, in the opinion of William J. Bryan. Mr. Bryan made this statement in Chattanooga as he stopped over there en route to Hot Springs.

"I have been observing the undercurrent of thought on treaty ratification in the senate closely and have come to the conclusion that opposition to that instrument is on the wane."

"The world has for centuries looked with scorn upon Nero, who fiddled while Rome burned. Today we have a threatened conflagration in every nation—one that in potentiality of suffering and ruin overshadows even the world war we have just passed through. This nation cannot 'fiddle' while the world burns."

"No one can give a guaranty that any reservation or amendment will not open up the whole treaty and cause other nations to adopt reservations that we would have to accept or reject."

### Mrs. Hill Dead

Mrs. Lula Hill, wife of Adkins G. Hill, of Hollow Rock, died Thursday night of last week, after a lingering illness from cancer. Some week ago she was carried to Nashville and underwent an operation, but to no avail. She was 28 years old, a member of the Baptist church, and excellent woman. She is survived by her husband and two small children. The interment occurred at Hebron Friday after funeral services conducted by Rev. S. W. Joyner.

### PREACHED STRONG SERMON.

Rev. Geo. H. Johnson, of McKenzie preached an able sermon at the Presbyterian church in Huntingdon last Sunday night. Mr. Johnson was pastor of this church for several years and was largely instrumental in perfecting plans for the construction of the church and parsonage. He did a fine work here and has a host of friends who are always glad to see him and hear him preach. His sermon Sunday night was one of the best we have heard him preach and it was well received by his audience.

## SOLDIER BOYS GIVEN BARBECUE DINNER

### Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hawkins Honor Soldier Boys at Country Home

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hawkins entertained the returned soldier boys of this district last Saturday with a barbecue dinner at their country home on Oak Lawn farm about a mile from town, about sixty soldiers and some other guests being present to enjoy the hospitality. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins' three sons, Victor, Esmond and Olney Hawkins, to cross the seas in the service of their country, and naturally they have a kind feeling for the soldier boys, and gave expression to it in an informal entertainment that was greatly enjoyed by the boys. They all appeared in their khaki by request of their hosts.

It is a remarkable fact that of all the boys who went out from this district, not a single one but was permitted to return to his home and loved ones, though some of them were in the midst of the fight where shot and shell were thick and fast.

The dinner and home-made wine served by Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins was enjoyed and the splendid hospitality was greatly appreciated by the returned soldier boys and left wishing the family all happiness.

### Visits Home

Lieut. Joe W. McCall Jr., a member of Pershing's honor guard arrived home Thursday of last week from Washington to visit his parents, Maj. and Mrs. J. H. McCall. Lieut. McCall is in fine health, is a splendid specimen of young manhood, and has a host of friends in Huntingdon who are proud of his record and honors.

### Complimentary Shower

Miss Belah Lankford, a bride-to-be of this week, was complimented with a miscellaneous shower last Monday night by Miss Mary Leach. An appropriate contest was enjoyed, the prize going to Miss Myrtle Walters. A delicious ice course was served from a prettily appointed table with central ornament of specimen dahlias. A number of attractive gifts were presented the honoree.

### LEFT FOR TEXAS

F. C. Sanders left last Tuesday for Texas to reside with his children who

live in that state. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. H. T. Merritt, who has been with her father since before his wife died. Mr. Sanders has resided in Huntingdon over 40 years, and has been one of our very best citizens and leaves with the confidence and high esteem of every body. He is a devoted Christian man, loves his church and its services and the Baptist church here, of which he was one of the founders will miss him and his loyal, faithful attendance and earnest devotion. The prayers and best wishes of our people accompany him.

### HOPEWELL PRESBYTERY

Hopewell Presbytery held its fall session this week with Good Springs Church, fourteen miles north of Dresden. It convened Tuesday evening and was in session two days. The Cumberland Presbyterian churches of this county had delegates in attendance, and the meeting was said to have been a very successful one.

## TEACHERS MEET AT CLARKSBURG

### Special Meeting of Carroll County Teachers Friday Night and Saturday

Teachers of Carroll County will hold a special meeting at Clarksburg Friday night and Saturday, October 10-11.

They are specially invited by the good people of that town to come as their guests. Any who wish to come on train for the night session will be met at Yuma and furnished conveyance free.

Those coming by rail should notify Prof. W. L. Denton, Yuma, Tenn. We have a splendid first class high school at Clarksburg and the promoters of it are anxious for the teachers to know what has been done and what is being done.

The patrons of this school will delight in showing the teachers a good time and in making them feel welcome.

On Friday night a program of local talent will be rendered and on Saturday the teachers of the county will take part.

Later notice of the programs will be sent the teachers.

Respectfully,  
D. T. BARNHILL,  
County Supt.

## FINE OIL PROSPECTS NEAR HUNTINGDON

### State Geologists Report There is Possible Oil Fields in This Community

Near Huntingdon, in Carroll county, is named by the state geologists' survey as one of the most probable sites for finding oil in Tennessee, in a bulletin issued recently. Fayette and Madison counties are also named as good sites.

The state geologists are of the opinion that the central part of Carroll county should first be tested for oil. In a well drilled to the depth of 1,800 feet, they say there are three chances of striking oil or gas, that is, there are three "horizons" in the underground formation there. Good oil beds should be encountered at a depth of 600 feet near Huntingdon, it is said.

State geologists have been at work in this community for several months, and this report is the result of that work.

This report has created much interest among our people, and it is possible that test wells will be put down soon. An Indiana company has a lease on 5,000 acres, and this company will likely begin work before the year is gone, according to recent statements made by a representative of that company.

### Will Locate Here

Dr. Virgil Massey has moved to Huntingdon and will enter the practice of medicine here. He will occupy rooms with Dr. J. W. McCall. Dr. Massey has recently returned from France, where he was in the medical service of the United States government. Prior to entering the war he practiced in Knoxville. He was reared in this county and is a fine young man and we wish him well.

## GEO. L. BOULDIN BUYS FINE FARM

### One of the Largest Land Deals Consummated Here in a Long While

Among the many real estate deals in this county recently, the latest and largest is the purchase of the Dr. M. Broadrick farm, in the Fifth district, between Trezevant and Atwood. It was a "walkout" transaction, not only the farm, but crop and live stock as well, being purchased by Geo. L. Bouldin, a merchant and farmer at Hico, who paid \$31,500 for same. Dr. Broadrick sold this same farm in the spring for \$20,000, but regretted the transaction and paid the purchaser \$1,000 to let him have the farm back. In this deal, however the farm alone was in the sale.

This is one of the finest farms in the county and contains something over 300 acres of very productive land. Mr. Bouldin has some other very fine land and has been quite successful as a farmer. One of Mr. Bouldin's principle crops for a number of years has been sweet potatoes and has always made money growing the tuber.

## JAW FRACTURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

### Son of Eld. W. L. Denton While Driving Car, Strikes Stump and is Injured

Last Friday, while driving a car, the nine-year-old son of Eld. and Mrs. W. L. Denton, of Clarksburg, happened to a serious accident. The lad had driven out of the road to pass another car and struck a stump which he had failed to see and the force of the impact threw him against the steering wheel of the machine fracturing his lower jaw. The other occupants of the car were not injured. The car was not hurt as the boy was driving slow.

The fracture is rather serious and while the physicians are giving it the closest attention yet it will be some time before the little fellow will be able to use it freely again. The unfortunate accident is greatly regretted by the many friends of the family.

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